

# COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT IN 48 HOURS

May Lets December Wait a Year—A Real Two Fisted Fighter—Typhoon at Swatow Second Largest Recorded Disaster—The Lost Atlantis—Planetary Crashing—Limited Nature of Sympathy.

Mathilde McCormick does not intend to marry Max Oser, her elderly Swiss riding master fiancé, this year. If not this year, never. A year hence the young woman will be older and wiser, her budding doubts regarding marriage between May and December will be extended and confirmed.

Real life is stranger than fiction. Don Quixote, one of the great characters of fiction, went about the world tilting windmills. He wasn't much injured. A gallant swordfish with a nose three feet long tried to sink the beam trawler Ellis H. in New York harbor by stabbing a hole in its bottom. The fish made furious attacks on the hull. In one savage assault, it shoved its own face in and broke its backbone. Man's superior intelligence enables him to know when to stop fighting, and sometimes when not to begin fighting. As a naked handed fighter, man is outclassed by swordfish, cats, tigers and many other creatures.

The typhoon at Swatow is to be the second largest of recorded catastrophes. One hundred thousand lives were destroyed by wind and wave in this section of South-eastern China. At Pampeli only a few thousand people were killed, when Mont Pelee exploded not more than thirty thousand died. The earthquakes and eruptions of 1908 killed one hundred and fifteen thousand, the largest recorded catastrophe of modern times.

There is a legend of a lost continent, usually called the lost Atlantis. Nobody knows how many lives were wiped out in this catastrophe, which may have been the greatest. The universe is full of worlds which sometimes crash. It is probable that, measured against disasters, what may have occurred in the universe, the occurrence of Swatow is not relatively vast.

What matters to men are the afflictions which they suffer. The afflictions of other intelligences on other planets do not interest them. Imagination does not comprehend distant disasters. How much sorrow in America, over the disaster of Swatow, we say "it is too bad" in a perfunctory way, and that ends it.

Sunday notes another lengthy list of the dead and wounded in road accidents. In Danielson, Marjorie Upham, 19, married, is killed in sidecar of her husband's motorcycle. In New London, Mrs. William S. Robinson, wife of a noted artist, is suffering with a fractured skull. Milford hospital is sustained by those injured in accidents on the Post road. Reckless driving kills more Americans than war kills in Ireland.

A meteor fell north of Winnemucca, Nevada, shaking frame housing and awakening the people. Once such a visitation would have been thought supernatural. The people after recovering from the shock of the explosion turned over and went to sleep again. Meteors are less dangerous in mundane society than wood alcohol.

Collins offers peace to De Valera, as a memorial to Griffith, the statesman whose mind fashioned the Irish Free State. It is little likely this offer will be accepted. The Irish contest is now shot through and through with Bolshevism, and men who fight to upset the establish order. The offer is timely, and the world will hope for its success.

Other shortages appear in the accounts of Tax Collector Howard S. Smith, sometime missing. The disclosures seem to demand an inquiry into the whole matter of tax abatements. The price of machine government is high. Instead of exhausting energy in mere denunciation, sign the petitions for a new charter. Make a new start, with new plant and equipment.

Thomas Barry did not respond when his name was called in City court today. Thomas had been arrested for an illicit exhilaration founded on bootleg. He died in the night, poisoned by the stuff he drank. The charge in such cases should be attempted suicide not drunkenness.

**"BIG 4" TRAINMEN.** In Kentucky, quit Corbin, Ky., Aug. 14—Engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors members of the "Big Four" on the Cumberland Valley division, and all switchmen in the local yards of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, walked out here at 10 o'clock. The number of men affected may reach 1,500, according to officials of the road.

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### WEATHER:

For New Haven and vicinity: Fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy. For the state of Connecticut: Fair tonight and Tuesday; no change in temperature; gentle westerly winds.

## LORD NORTHCLIFFE, LONDON PUBLISHER, DEAD MORE SHORTAGES IN SMITH'S ACCOUNTS

### Compromise On Germany Steps Taken

Lloyd George Assumes Initiative to Bring About Allied Harmony—New Proposals Being Discussed for Autumnal Conference Leaders More Optimistic.

London, Aug. 14.—A final attempt to reach a temporary compromise agreement on German indemnity was undertaken at No. 10 Downing street today by Premier Lloyd George, of Britain; Premier Poincare, of France; Premier Theunis, of Belgium; Foreign Minister Schanzer, of Italy and Baron Hayashi, representing Japan. It is understood that definite proposals are now being discussed for another allied conference in September or October.

Strong efforts were made to break the deadlock and reach some kind of agreement upon the proposal for a reparations moratorium in view of the fact that the monthly August payment of 50,000,000 gold marks by Germany will fall due tomorrow. Allied experts worked Saturday and Sunday to draw up satisfactory conditions upon which a temporary moratorium can be granted to Germany. It is anticipated on all sides now that the settlement will have to be temporary as it has been found impossible to reach common ground for a permanent settlement of the question.

Points at Stake. The chief proposals involved in the indemnity issue are: Reform of the German Reichsbank (Continued on Page 3.)

### Seeks \$1,000,000 of Vanderbilt Kin for Broken Heart

Ballston Spa, N. Y., Aug. 14.—The complaint in a suit for one million dollars for breach of promise against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Harry Payne Whitney, was filed here today by attorneys for Evan Burrows Fontaine, a dancer. The complaint briefly charges that Whitney began a courtship with Miss Fontaine on May 19, 1919, which continued until October 28, 1920, when the plaintiff asserts he promised to marry her three days later, but failed to keep the promise. No details of the alleged courtship were given.

## Congressmen, Back On Job Report Political Unrest Is Sweeping The Country

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service Staff Correspondent. Washington, Aug. 14.—Congress has returned to Washington uneasy, nervous and downright politically scared.

Congress usually is a bit gun-shy in these off-year campaigns when one-third of the Senate and the entire membership of the House come up for re-election without the guiding voice of a national candidate to beat the party drum, clarify the issues, and set the pace. But the old-timers around the Capitol say the uneasiness has been accentuated this turbulent year to a point seldom seen before.

Back here in the sweltering heat of a torrid Washington summer the members are perspiring and comparing notes as to how they found the temper of the plain people back home. The general opinion, almost the universal opinion, is that the temper of these plain people is not such as to be conducive to complacency on the part of any members of the Sixty-seventh Congress who are ambitious to be members of the Sixty-eighth.

From coast to coast in the cities, on the farms and in the small towns returning Congressmen report a spirit of political unrest is prevalent—the same unrest that so strikingly manifested itself in the primaries of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and North Dakota. The Representative from New England tells the same story that the Congressman from the desert country tells. The unrest,

### All England Mourns For Dead Editor

Poisoning from Throat Trouble Short Time Ago Proves Fatal—Was Powerful Factor in Empire—Realized Wish to Die at Home.

By R. A. WRAY, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent. London, Aug. 14.—Lord Northcliffe, (Alfred Charles William Harmsworth), the greatest publisher Great Britain has ever produced and one of the most powerful political personages in England, died at his town residence in Carlton Gardens. He was 57 year old on July 15.

The end was peaceful. The widow was at the bedside. The official bulletin did not give the cause of death. It is understood, however, that it was caused by toxic poisoning from a throat ailment. This poison impregnated the blood affecting the vital organs, principally the heart. A previous bulletin has stated that the membranous lining of the cavities of the heart had become inflamed. Lord Northcliffe was unconscious a great deal of the time before his death.

Brought Home To Die. Lord Northcliffe's illness was of comparatively brief duration. He was brought home from Switzerland to die in his own home on his native soil. All the evening newspapers issued extras on Lord Northcliffe's death, giving it the most prominent display. Even newspapers that were politically hostile to the late publisher paid tribute to his patriotism and business ability.

The Evening News, a Northcliffe publication, appeared with a deep band of mourning. A flood of condolence messages are pouring in upon Lady Northcliffe, the widow, from high personages throughout the British Isles.

The medical terms used in giving the cause of Lord Northcliffe's death were ulcerative endocarditis, streptococcal septicemia and terminal syncope. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

Upon request of the Dean of Westminster, the services will be conducted in Westminster Abbey and will be public. Following noon services, interment will be made in Marylebone cemetery. (Continued on Page Eight)

**MILLIONAIRE LAWYER DEAD.** Chicago, Aug. 14.—Levy Mayer, multi-millionaire member of the Chicago Bar and one of the most noted corporation lawyers in the country, was found dead today, by his valet, crouching on his knees at a window of his suite in the Blackstone hotel. The body was clad in a dressing gown and slippers.

### COCA COLA KING TO MARRY BEAUTY



Asa G. Candler, aged Atlanta, Ga., founder of the Coca Cola Company, and the richest man in the South, has announced his engagement to Mrs. Oregine de Bouchelle, New Orleans beauty, herself very wealthy. The wedding is expected to take place in San Francisco at the end of this month or early in September. Beginning with only the formula for the drink, Mr. Candler, with his brothers, Bishop Warren Candler and Supreme Court Justice John Candler, of Georgia, have grown immensely rich.

## Mourning Thousands View Body Of Arthur Griffith; Funeral To Be Wednesday

Dublin, Aug. 14.—While the body of Arthur Griffith, late president of the Dail Eireann and Irish Foreign Secretary, was lying in state in the City Hall today, being viewed by mourning thousands, military operations went on as usual in the west.

The Irish provisional government has proclaimed three days of mourning, preceding the funeral on Wednesday. This funeral promises to bring out the biggest and most spectacular demonstration for the Free State it has ever received here. Supporters of the Free State are expected to come from all parts of Ireland to pay tribute to the memory of the great Sinn Fein leader.

William T. Cosgrave, minister for local government affairs, has taken over Griffith duties temporarily.

**Lull In Cork Fighting.** Reports from the south were meager today. Cork is quiet. The Nationalists are pushing forward through Kerry meeting with opposition from the irregulars who have adopted guerrilla tactics.

Nationalists are surrounding the Irregulars in Munster. A dispute among the Irregular leaders at Macroom has led to demobilization of the force.

Irregulars are fleeing over the Cork border. There was a sharp fight at Killarney after which the Irregulars retired.

Irregulars have evacuated Fermoy after burning the barracks and liberating the prisoners.

### D'ANNUNZIO HURT IN FALL AT HOME

Cardone, Riviera, Italy, Aug. 14.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italy's noted soldier-poet, was seriously injured in the head by a fall yesterday in the garden of his villa here.

His condition gave rise to considerable anxiety. Medical reports today were more reassuring, but his doctors declined to express a definite opinion on his chances for recovery.

### LABOR CONSPIRACY JURY DISAGREES

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The jury in the "labor conspiracy" trial of Fred "Frenchy" Mader, Daniel "Duke" McCarthy and John Miller after 48 hours deliberation during which they were unable to come to an agreement, were dismissed by Judge Taylor today.

The disagreement means new trials for all the defendants who are charged with conspiracy in connection with the murder of Police Lieutenant Terrence Lyons during the "Landis award war."

### Siksay Tax Abatement Said False

Additional Discrepancy of \$190 Found in Books of Fugitive Tax Collector—Local Realty Man Makes Discovery by Accident.

A scrutiny of tax abatements in the books of former Tax Collector Howard F. Smith, charged with embezzlement of \$85,300 of the city's money, may show greater shortages, it was learned today after it became known that Stephen S. Siksay, of 785 Boston avenue, president of the Siksay Land company, had found on the books of Smith an abatement for taxes on the list of 1918 which he declares that his company has paid.

That Smith has taken the tax which amounts to \$190.53, seems an assured fact after a search has revealed that this abatement was never shortage made to the Common Council, June 19, by City Auditor Bernard Keating.

Further investigation reveals that there is no record of the Siksay false abatement in the report of the Smith shortage made to the Common Council, June 19, by City Auditor Bernard Keating.

**Discovery Accidental.** Siksay declared today that he came across the false abatement of his 1918 tax by accident.

He was searching records in the town clerk's office when he came (Continued on Page 3.)

### Lethal Distillation Kills Thomas Barry Police Seek Venders

"Dead Men Tell No Tales" so when the case of Thomas Barry of Water street, was called in the City court, this morning, it was necessary to note it. Barry died last night, at Hillside Home, a victim of alcohol poisoning. He was arrested Saturday by Patrolman Patrick Shea, at the foot of Wall street, on a charge of drunkenness. When picked up he was unconscious.

Emergency ambulance was called and he was removed to Hillside. He died without regaining consciousness.

Patrolman Maloney, Bureau of Missing Persons, has located relatives of the dead man in Hartford and he is expected to arrive here some time today.

Police are investigating to determine the source of Barry's liquor supply.

## Road Seizure Looming Up Stronger As Key to Peace In Rail Strike Settlement

Washington, Aug. 14.—Standing at the cross-roads of action and surveying the wreckage of peace efforts in all directions, a growing number of administration officials held the conviction today that eventually the Federal Government will be reluctantly compelled to take over the nation's great railroad systems if the public is to escape acute suffering this winter.

Hope for a peaceable adjustment of the railroad strike, now in its seventh week and broadening in its scope, hung only by the slenderest of threads today. This thread was represented by the continued presence in Washington of the leaders of the Big Four Brotherhoods who have undertaken to mediate the differences between the roads and the 400,000 strikers and the six federated shopcrafts.

**Executives Leave Capital.** The railway executives have left the capital after turning down two offers of adjustment—one proposed by President Harding, the other by the mediator, and a deep cloud of pessimism behind them.

Their determined stand on the contention that the strikers are not entitled to seniority rights for the strikers, apparently was not affected by 36 hours of contact with President Harding, members of his Cabinet, and with

### Miners And Operators Near Truce

Lewis Predicts Deadlock Will Be Broken by Wednesday—Arbitration Appears to Be Chief Point of Issue—Both Sides Conferring Today.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The coal strike will be settled by Wednesday and production on a large scale immediately, according to confidential advisers reaching government officials today.

"Everything looks favorable for a settlement within the next 48 hours between the operators and miners at the Cleveland conference," said a telegram received today by a cabinet officer.

Cleveland, Aug. 14.—An agreement within 48 hours between the representatives of the United Mine Workers and the operators taking part in the conference here was predicted by John L. Lewis, international president of the U. M. W., today.

Mr. Lewis made his prediction in the act of the present deadlock of the conference on the question of arbitration.

That the question of arbitration must be disposed of before any headway can be made toward a settlement was indicated by the statement by Lewis that he will meet Michael Gallagher and any other representative from either side this morning to take up the question of future strike prevention.

**Miners Firm On Arbitration.** Asked whether there was any prospect for a compromise on this point, Mr. Lewis replied: "The mine workers have not changed their position on arbitration."

The policy of the Mine Workers' Union on this point is that no plan or provision for arbitration can be accepted by them as part of the agreement which they are endeavoring to make with the operators.

"On the bituminous situation I am optimistic," Mr. Lewis said. "I am hopeful that this joint conference by Monday may develop something definite along this line. Developments during the last twelve hours have been gratifying and portend an end to the long strike, now entering its twentieth week."

That the situation with respect to the anthracite situation have been taking place and I feel assured that a joint conference with the anthracite operators will be arranged.

## Freight Train Wreck at Devon

A draw-bar pulled out in an east-bound freight of 75 cars on the New Haven road, near Devon, at 2 o'clock this morning, derailing one car and tying up the track for over two hours.

A wrecking crew, sent out from New Haven, succeeded in clearing the tracks at 4:20 a. m., when the freight proceeded on its way.

Officials of the New Haven road at New Haven, today, had no comment to make as to whether the accident was caused by faulty equipment.

## Congress Wheels Resume Tomorrow

Washington, Aug. 14.—As representatives began pouring in here today for the re-assembling of the House tomorrow, Congressional leaders on both sides of the Capital were anxiously considering plans for some method of checking promiscuous debate on the grave industrial situation.

The leaders were frankly fearful that there may be an outburst of speechmaking from House members which would tend to complicate matters for President Harding and irritate an already bad situation.